

## Command Screening and Policy

COMNAVMETOCCOM has distributed a new Command Screening Policy Memorandum. There are some fairly significant changes to the Command Screening procedures, so please take time to read the policy thoroughly. You can find it on the METOC Community webpage under "Career Guidance, COMNAVMETOCCOM Command Screening Policy". While there, take some time to check out the CNMOC Sea Duty and Warfare Qualification Policies, which sets clear expectations and puts strong emphasis on the importance of sea duty for the relevancy of our METOC Community.

## Meteorology and Oceanography (METOC) Career Opportunities

Attention Warfare Officers! Are you looking for a career change? Well, look no further – the METOC Community has embarked on an aggressive campaign in search of top performing officers from all warfare communities who possess the fol-

lowing academic background:

- Physical science, engineering, or mathematics-oriented baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university - meteorology or oceanography degrees preferred but not required
- Minimum 2.2 overall GPA
- Minimum C+ averages in undergraduate level calculus series
- Minimum C+ averages in undergraduate level calculus-based physics series

You can embark on an exciting and fascinating career in the special duty field of Meteorology and Oceanography through the Lateral Transfer and Redesignation process. Warfare qualified officers currently on active duty interested in becoming a METOC Officer may apply in accordance with MILPERSMAN Article 1212-010. Selection is accomplished through the Lateral Transfer/Redesignation Board held twice per year - the next board will be held May 19, 2003 – so don't delay! Redesignation to the 1800 designator is currently open to YG95 and junior.

Quotas vary with each board, but on average we bring in eight to 12 officers per year (due to current

shortfalls at the mid-ranks, we are looking to pick up 18 officers this year – your timing for redesignation has never been better!). Non-warfare qualified candidates may apply (warfare qualification waivers for outstanding individuals are made on a case-by-case basis). Individuals considering lateral transfer are encouraged to contact us by phone or email to discuss eligibility requirements and availability of quotas for upcoming boards. Lateral transfer packages must be received by PERS-801 no later than 60 days prior to the board. Applicants can visit the PERS-801 homepage for up-to-date information on the current status of Lateral Transfer/Redesignation boards. Officers selected for redesignation must obligate to serve on active duty at least two years from the date of designator change.

Visit our webpage at [www.bupers.navy.mil/pers449](http://www.bupers.navy.mil/pers449) and then call us, talk to the METOC Officer on your ship or Battle Group Staff, or contact the local METOC activity in your area. Any METOC Officer will be proud to discuss a career as a Naval METOC Officer and assist you through the Lateral Transfer/Redesignation process.

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## New opportunities to excel at sea!

On May 24, 2002, the CNO released NAVOP 007/02, designating Information Operations (IO) a primary warfare area on par with air, surface and sub-surface warfare.

An increasingly dynamic networked and fast-paced maritime battlespace has driven IO to the forefront of modern warfare, therefore it is clear that IO has become "integral," not merely "supportive," to all naval warfare disciplines. The "proof" that this is truly a warfare discipline is evident in the fact

that two battle groups are in the process of recoding URL billets to 1610's for the purpose of supporting the IWC. As development of the maritime IO concept comes to fruition, we expect great afloat career opportunities for our community.



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